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- 1. WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE STATEMENT IN PARAGRAPH 7B OF REF C THAT PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PL-480 TITLE I COMMODITIES WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF COUNTRY TEAM VIEWS. WHILE WE FACE REAL DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING FIRM INFORMATION, OUR DAILY CONTACTS WITH THE BDG, ALL OTHER FOOD DONORS AND THE LOCAL WFP REPRESENTATIVE MEAN THAT IN MOST CASES WE WILL HAVE A BETTER GRASP OF THE WHOLE FOODGRAIN SITUATION THAN ANY OTHER ELEMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
- 2. FOR THIS REASON WE ARE MOST DISAPPOINTED AND CONCERNED THAT THE COORDINATION ENVISAGED IN REF C IS NOT REPEAT NOT TAKING PLACE. IN ADDITION TO IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF THE PA WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THIS MISSION (A MOVE EXPLAINED IN STATE 079646), WE NOW FIND THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE UNILATERALLY ARRANGED FOR DELIVERY OF 50,000 TONS OF WHEAT EACH IN THE MONTHS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNE AND JULY (REF A). WE RECOMMENDED IN DACCA 1849 (REFERENCED IN WASHINGTON'S MESSAGE) THAT 50,000 BE SHIPPED IN JUNE AND THE REMAINDER IN JULY. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS KNOWN TO AND ACCEPTED BY THE LOCAL WFP REPRESENTATIVE, WHO COORDINATES SHIPPING INFORMATION FOR THE DONORS, AS WELL AS BY ALL FOOD AID DONORS THEMSELVES.

3. GIVEN ALL THE UNCERTAINTIES, DECIDING ON THE PROPER VOLUME OF U.S. TITLE I FOODGRAINS AND ON THE BEST SHIPPING SCHEDULE WILL BE DIFFICULT. THESE DIFFICULTIES WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED AND SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS WILL BE IMPAIRED IF WASHINGTON AND THIS MISSION DO NOT CONSULT CLOSELY BEFORE ACTIONS AFFECTING THIS PROGRAM ARE TAKEN.

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